

All too often, our veterans don't get the recognition that they deserve. But we owe everything to those who wore the uniform.

If you enjoy the freedom of speech – thank a veteran.

If you live without fear for the safety of you and your loved ones – thank a veteran.

If you take advantage of all the opportunities offered in the United States – thank a veteran.

If you are now speaking English and not German or Japanese – thank a veteran.

One of the services offered by my office is helping veterans track down medals that they have earned, but never received. During the Veterans Day weekend, I was privileged to honor several 10th district residents throughout the area for their service.

On Saturday at the Buffalo Grove Veterans Day ceremony, I awarded Thomas Wills of Waukegan with the Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Battle Star.







Congressman Kirk presents the Purple Heart to Virginia George Zumstein







Congressman Mark Kirk presents Carolyn Hoza with the Combat Action Badge as her father and Vietnam veteran look on.





Congressman Kirk salutes Carolyn Hoza